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## PEACE FAILURE IS DISAPPOINTING TO SOCIALIST PARTY

### Meetings Regarded Most Porententous Since Outbreak of War; Labor Gives Support FINLAND IS RECOGNIZED

LONDON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Calmer feelings were indicated in German parliamentary circles following the apparent collapse of negotiations for a separate peace with Russia, Amsterdam messages yesterday indicated, but the unrest and agitation in the Socialist party has assumed proportions that may produce results of great moment. The Taggeblatt is reported to view the situation with a certain serenity and to point out the calmer tone in the reichstag.

#### MEETINGS OF GREAT MOMENT

On the other hand the Vorwaerts, referring to the Socialist meetings that were held Sunday says that these "were perhaps the most momentous of any since August, 1914, meaning since the beginning of the war. It points out that the Socialists are more than ever anxious for peace since they have had their hopes of the breaking up of the Alliance raised to high pitch and that there is a tone of insistence in the words spoken at the meeting that argues for clearer presentation of demands for rights as well as for a peace without annexation.

#### WOULD OUST VON KUEHLMAN

The Taggeblatt is also quoted as saying that the Pan-German annexationist faction is using its every effort to secure the downfall of von Kuehlman as foreign minister since it considers him as inimical to the Pan-Germanic plans for territorial aggrandizement. Support is given the government by the labor party of the Brandenburg province of which Berlin is the capital. At the meeting of the National Labor Party of that province on Sunday the viewpoint was taken that the demands of those supreme in command in the departments of the East and of the West must be considered decisive and the laborers must bow to them.

#### FINLAND IS RECOGNIZED

Either Germany considers negotiations at an end with Russia or is making an effort to force the Bolshevik hand for yesterday Berlin officially recognized the independence of the new Finnish republic. Prior to this, and before the negotiations were interrupted Germany had notified the delegation of senators from Finland that they must wait for recognition until the wishes of the Russian government with which Germany was then negotiating for peace had been learned. It might, therefore, be taken that the recognition granted is also a declaration by Germany that it considers negotiations as ended.

#### RUSSIA MAKES PREPARATIONS

Russia is seeking to put itself in readiness to resist aggression on the part of the Central Powers. It recognizes its own weakness and many of its men have left the front and gone home. How effectual a resistance it could make is uncertain but no offensive need be expected.

Advises to the Daily news from Petrograd told of the strengthening of the army by the Bolshevik government in preparation for a resistance of some sort if it is required as may be anticipated with the armistice ended as it is likely to be. This information was given by M. Radek, one of the delegates to the recent conference who said:

"The Bolsheviks are sending home all soldiers who do not desire to fight, leaving only those in their army who are willing to fight for their political and military ideals.

"We do not desire the help of the Allies in our course. Our strength lies in our weakness. The Germans can drive us back, but what good will it do them? The country behind the front has been stripped bare. The Germans do not wish millions of starving people on their hands.

"If we accepted Allied help, the significance of our position would be destroyed. We and the German workers stand for a democratic peace. If Germany attacks us, it will display itself to its own people in its true light."

#### AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS WANT FEDERATION

According to a diplomatic despatch, the German-Austrian Socialists of Austria have met and passed resolutions favoring the transformation of Austria into a state of federated nationalities. The new project is based on the abolition of the seventeen provinces of crown lands and the substitution therefor of district autonomy. There is a vague reference to the dual system which the resolutions declare must not be allowed to stand in the way of reform.

The proposal is said to be a serious effort, based on the profound studies of Karl Renner and Otto Bauer and honestly meant by its promoters, the Czech Socialists have reorganized their party and deftly adopted the programme of Czech-Slovak independence as their own.

"Nothing can conceal the seriousness of the situation in Austria," states an official report received today.

"The desire for peace is universal and there is a general resentment against the country's dependence on Germany.

"Livestock is being killed for lack of fodder but the supply of leather has not appreciably increased and food conditions have not been relieved. A recent census taken in thirty towns reveals a great increase in the death rate and very large decrease in the birth rate. Discharged soldiers are begging in the streets of most of the cities."

#### SUCCEEDS TO NEWLANDS' PLACE UPON COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina, ranking member of the interstate commerce committee of the upper house, was today chosen chairman of the committee to succeed the late Senator Francis G. Newlands.

In this position he will have charge of the administration's program of railroad legislation in the senate.

#### NATIONAL BANK CALL

WASHINGTON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—The national bank call was issued today as of December 31.

#### TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN KILLED BY ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—General Pershing today cabled to the war department reporting the death of a lieutenant and a sergeant of the American forces, in an airplane accident.

#### DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL

WASHINGTON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—The supreme court today held that the selective military service act passed by the last congress is constitutional. The vote of the justices in favor of its constitutionality was unanimous.

## A Friendship Rudely Shattered



## SUFFRAGISTS FEEL HIGHLY CONFIDENT

Hearings Before House Committee On Constitutional Amendment—Bailey Opposes

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Hearings upon the proposed constitutional amendment that would grant votes to women were closed by the house committee yesterday and the vote of representatives will be taken tomorrow.

Opposition to the amendment was emphatically voiced before the committee by Joe Bailey, the one time senator from Texas. He contended that women were not entitled to the ballot because, he asserted, they are incapable of performing the three principal duties of citizenship.

Suffragists expressed themselves last night as confident of winning their demands in the present session of congress. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt voiced this sentiment of confidence when she said:

"As to the final result—victory for the federal amendment. One can never be certain of a vote until it is taken, but in my opinion I believe the passage of the amendment is assured. We hope for a vote in the senate immediately following the vote in the house. It sounds very optimistic, but I believe we will be able to move out of our Washington headquarters February 1."

"Are you prepared to go into the congressional elections to oppose those candidates who do not favor the federal amendment? If the amendment does not pass congress?" Mrs. Catt was asked.

"There is no 'if' about it," she replied. "Our time has come. We are going to win!"

## WAR REVENUE LAW IS SUBJECT OF PROTEST

Representatives of Large Interests Seek Remedies

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Meetings were held yesterday and will be continued today to consider the matter of proposed changes in the War Tax Law that industry believes to be necessary. At the meeting were representatives of oil and mining men, coal and minerals, and other large industries.

At yesterday's session war profits taxes, questions of "invested capital" and other phases of the law that are called inequalities were considered. It is planned to formulate a list of changes that are considered essential and to present these to congress urging remedial legislation in such respect.

## CALIFORNIA ASKS ADMITTANCE OF CHINESE FARMERS

Development Board Makes Dennis Kearney Turn In Grave By Urging Opening of Gates To Some Celestials During War

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—(Associated Press)—California was put on record as favoring a limited immigration of Chinese by the action taken by the California Development Board yesterday. That body passed a set of resolutions favoring the opening of the gates of the country to experienced Chinese farmers and farm labor during the period of the war. The resolution has its limitations, however, since it says that the board is unalterably opposed to the importation of Oriental labor which cannot be deported when it shall be deemed advisable.

Moved by the growing demand for labor upon the farms and ranches and in the orchards and vineyards of the state the development board undertakes to reverse the stand which California has taken for so many years as to the admission of Oriental labor.

The agricultural interests of the state undertook in some instances to secure exemption from the selective draft of farm labor, especially in the case of vineyardists and some of the orange growing associations but were without success. It will now be urged that in view of the loss to the agricultural and horticultural industries of much of the labor that was formerly available, substitutes must be supplied.

Action in the present congress is to be urged by the development board and similar action is expected from other states. Already South Dakota through its governor has requested Chinese labor and it is believed that a request from California will have more effect upon congressional action than would the request from any other state.

## EARL READING TO HAVE NEW MISSION

Will Come To United States As Ambassador Controlling War Activities

LONDON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice, will go to America as the direct representative of the British war cabinet, it was indicated today, with the title of "ambassador controlling war activities." Lord Northcliffe will continue in active direction of the American mission in England.

## LAND LEASE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Measure Which Vitrally Affects Oil Companies Is Adopted By Narrow Margin

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—By a small margin of five the senate yesterday passed the Walsh-Pitman land leasing law which provides for the leasing of certain coal and oil lands by the government to operating companies for terms of years with the title remaining in the United States. The vote was 37 to 32. The bill will now go to the house where it is expected to be passed by a similarly close vote.

The bill passed by the senate yesterday has had a stormy career and would probably not have passed but for the war interest which attaches to it. Several times its fate seemed to be in doubt but an agreement was finally reached that it should pass in the form in which it was adopted by the senate yesterday. Especially from California there has been a bitter opposition to the law especially from those who have litigation in progress affecting claims in the Taft withdrawal area.

## SENATE COMMITTEE AFTER LAFOLLETTE

Investigation of Charges To Be Resumed Today

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Preliminary to the resumption of investigation by the senate of the charges against LaFollette today, the American Defense Society filed specifications of the charges against the Wisconsin man which were filed by the directors of the society several weeks ago.

The investigation of his course and utterances is being conducted by a special committee of the senate on elections and privileges.

## BOARD FORBIDS EXPORTS OF BUTTER TO NEUTRALS

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Exportation of butter, except to nations associated with the United States in the war against Germany, has been prohibited by the War Trade Board. This was disclosed today in a statement by the food administration requesting butter makers and dealers to abandon certain types of packages used in shipping butter to the Orient, the tropics and other countries except the Allies.

## MOBILIZATION OF THREE MILLION WORKMEN, PLAN

Needed Labor For Agriculture, Shipbuilding and Government Contracts To Be Organized By New Department

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Mobilization of three million workers for agricultural labor and employment in the government shipbuilding yards and in war contract plants devoted to the purposes of the United States employment service. To handle this vast and highly important work of supplying the labor necessary for the proper conduct of these industries John R. Denmore, solicitor for the department of labor has been appointed national director of the employment service.

Plans for an equitable working out and adjustment of work and wages are said to be already underway and the purpose of the service will be to place labor where it is required and when required at the shortest possible notice, to prevent overcrowding of some industries and an under-supply for others and generally to keep the labor market well balanced in supply and demand. It is probable that those mobilized will be drawn largely from what the service may determine to be "unessential pursuits."

## DEFEAT OF ARABS IS TOLD FROM ADEN

British Destroy Defenses and Inflict Loss—Casualties For Week Are Not Large

LONDON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—British successes in Arabia were told in official despatches received last night from Aden. The British patrol upon the Southwest coast of Arabia. On Saturday, the despatches said, the British destroyed the defenses of Hartum and inflicted considerable losses upon the enemy.

On the Italian front the British air patrols were reported to be very active, crossing and recrossing the enemy's lines in the heavy clouds, causing alarm in the Austro-German ranks in anticipation of an Italian Allied offensive.

British casualties, in the report given out last night which covers the week ending Saturday night in all theaters and all sectors, were comparatively small, clearly indicating the least severe military operations and the checking of offensives by the wintry weather.

Total casualties for the British armies were 18,998. Of these 113 officers were killed or died of wounds and 448 were wounded or reported missing. The list of enlisted men showed 3833 killed and 14,605 wounded or missing.

## M'ADOO TO LAUNCH NEW NOVEL DRIVE

Director General Enlists Public Aid In Having Consignees Unload Their Cars

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Director General of Railroads McAdoo has designated next week as "Freight Clearance Week" and purposes to conduct one of the energetic campaigns to enlist the services of the public which have previously proved successful under his guidance. This special campaign will be worked in every part of the mainland United States and all business men will be urged to have unloaded forthwith all cars which may be consigned to them.

As the first step in the government's assistance to railroad financing Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels requested the various railroad presidents to wire him immediately the amount of capital they will require for their roads this year and also a separate statement of the amount needed for the first six months.

He asked them to detail the precise purposes for which the funds will be needed—whether for meeting maturing securities or for improvements and construction.

## BILLION NEEDED TO MEET DEFICIENCIES

WASHINGTON, January 7.—(Associated Press)—Hearings are now being held by the house appropriations committee on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill of \$1,000,400,000. Secretary Lansing appeared and made a statement of the necessity for large funds to meet the war needs for the current year.

## QUEBEC READY TO DEBATE ON WITHDRAWAL IN LEGISLATURE

Question One of Most Momentous That Has Ever Come Up In the Dominion of Canada and May Stir Empire

WORDS ARE MILD BUT IMPORT FAR REACHING

Resolution Expresses Willingness To Leave Federation If Presence of Province, Be Considered Inimical

QUEBEC, January 8.—Unless efforts to secure a further adjournment of the matter are successful, a debate will be launched in the Quebec legislature today which will concentrate the interest of the whole Dominion and be regarded as important throughout the Empire. This is a debate on a resolution suggesting for the first time since the confederation of the provinces and the formation of the Dominion of Canada that one party to the confederation might withdraw.

#### WORDS DECEIVING

The resolution itself is a mild worded one of any such a radical resolution could be, being merely an expression of Quebec's willingness to withdraw from the union if other sections of the union believe the presence of Quebec to be harmful to the progress of the country as a whole, but behind it is heaped all the rancor of years which has come to a head since the war and the failure of the French-Canadians to advance with the English-Canadians for the preservation of the Empire. Justification for the seceding of the resolution comes in the bitter comments of the Canadian press and publicists that the special privileges given Quebec in her state Roman Catholic church and the right to retain French civil laws and the French language have held this rich province back industrially and have generally retarded Canadian advancement.

The startling resolution was introduced into the legislature on December 30, by J. N. Lorain, member for the County of Lotbiniere. It was:

"That this house is of the opinion that the province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union and the progress and development of Canada."

The presentation was on the eve of the holidays and the debate was put over until January 8. The resolution followed close on the heels of the announcement of the result of the general elections, in which the Union government, under Borden, was returned to power with a majority of twenty-eight seats. In that election, Quebec was the only province to vote against Borden and his conscription policy.

## MORE WORK FALLS TO GOETHALS' LOT

Secretary of War Adds Transportation and Storage Arrangements To Duties

WASHINGTON, January 8.—(Associated Press)—Maj.-Gen. George W. Goethals has had his duties largely increased under orders of Secretary of War Baker, issued yesterday. In addition to the duties delegated to him when he was recalled to active service December 18 and designated as acting quartermaster general, he has now been designated as director of transportation and storage for the army.

When General Goethals was selected to succeed General Henry G. Sharpe he was looked to for the speeding up of securing supplies for the army. Now the problem of army transportation and storage facilities is found to need attention and it has fallen to the former Panama Canal head to undertake it.